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SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE CASE--CIGAR
ASSOCIATION

REF: (A) STATE 84173 (B) TOKYO 7055

1. COMMERCE (USDOC) PREPARING CASE ON CIGARS TO BE SUBMITTED TO TFC SEPARATELY FROM CIGARETTES. CASE WILL INVOLVE JAPAN TOBACCO AND SALT PUBLIC CORPORATION (JTS) PRICING POLICIES, RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION, AND LIMITA-
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TIONS ON SIZES AND SHAPES OF IMPORTED CIGARS.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO COMMERCE (PASS D. BUSINGER) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: (A) ALL OBTAINABLE DATA ON THE WHOLESALE PRICES PAID BY "SHOPS" (ESTABLISHMENTS DISTRIBUTING TOBACCO AT RETAIL) TO JTS FOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CIGARS, INCLUDING EACH BRAND

INDICATED IN THE CIGAR ASSOCIATION'S BRIEF POUCHED PER
REFTEL A, PLUS ANY READILY AVAILABLE DATA ON PRODUCTION AND
CONSUMPTION OF CIGARS IN JAPAN; (B) ANY READILY AVAILABLE
INFORMATION RELEVANT TO RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION, IF
ANY; AND (C) ANY READILY AVAILABLE INFORMATION RELEVANT TO
RESTRICTIONS ON SIZES AND SHAPES, IF ANY. EMBASSY MAY WISH
TO ENLIST SERVICES OF MR. VIGDEN, MENTIONED IN REFTEL A,

IN THIS EFFORT.

3. INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 2, PARTICULARLY ON PRICES,
IS ESSENTIAL TO PROVING THE KEY ELEMENT OF THE CASE,
NAMELY, JTS DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN
CIGAR SALES. VANCE

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